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§1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AL. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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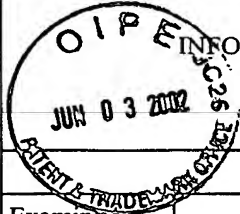
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